

VZCZCXYZ0003
OO RUEHWEB

DE RUEHBS #0466 0901510
ZNY CCCCC ZZH
O 311510Z MAR 09
FM USEU BRUSSELS
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE
INFO RUEHZG/NATO EU COLLECTIVE PRIORITY
RUEHIL/AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD PRIORITY
RUEHBUL/AMEMBASSY KABUL PRIORITY
RUEHNE/AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY
RUEHNO/USMISSION USNATO PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L USEU BRUSSELS 000466

SIPDIS

FOR SCA/A TOM REOTT, EUR/RPM AARON COPE, EUR/ERA DANIEL
WEISFIELD

E.O. 12958: DECL: 03/30/2019
TAGS: [NATO PREL](#) [MOPS](#) [MARR](#) [AF](#) [EUN](#)
SUBJECT: AFPAK: WHITE PAPER AND SUMMIT DELIVERABLES
MESSAGES CONVEYED TO EU

REF: A. SECSTATE 28929
[1](#)B. SECSTATE 29482

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires, a.i. Christopher W. Murray for reason
1.4 b/d

[1](#)1. (U) As instructed (REF A), Charge d'Affaires, Political Minister-Counselor, and Pol Off relayed points for the April 5 U.S.-EU Summit to Robert Cooper, Council Secretariat Director for Politico-Military Affairs; Marek Grela, Council Secretariat Director for Transatlantic Relations; Ivo Sramek, Czech Political and Security Committee Ambassador to the EU; Patrick Child, Chief of Cabinet for Commissioner Ferrero-Waldner; Richard Wright, Commission Representative to the Political and Security Committee; James Moran, Commission Director for Asia; David TIRR, Commission Head of Unit for Afghanistan and Pakistan; Helen Campbell, Commission European Correspondent; Boguslaw Majewski, Council Secretariat Head of Unit for Asia; and Tim Eestermans, EU Council Secretariat Desk Officer for Afghanistan and Pakistan. On March 27 we delivered the Afghanistan-Pakistan White Paper (REF B) to the same individuals, or their offices.

[1](#)2. (C) EU officials welcomed the information. TIRR said that the Commission was not in a position to comment on either document, as Commissioner Ferrero-Waldner was in China and would travel directly from there to the March 31 International Conference on Afghanistan in the Hague. In a conversation with Eestermans on March 30, he noted there had been no EU discussion of the White Paper yet, but that it would be on the agenda for upcoming discussions. On March 31, PolOff met with the Commission Desk Officer for Pakistan Heino Marius and Swedish Permanent Representation Counselor for Asia Charlotta Macias. Neither were aware of any plans for the EU to discuss the White Paper in detail prior to the U.S. - EU Summit. However, both expected that at the Summit the EU would welcome the new U.S. strategy and emphasize the United States' and EU's mutual interests in taking a regional approach and boosting civilian efforts. Sramek, too, told us he appreciated receiving Ref A and expected its points would be discussed at the U.S. Summit in Prague.

[1](#)3. (C) Informally, two EU contacts expressed concern to Pol Off with what they saw as a "continued overarching U.S. focus on counterinsurgency" in the White Paper and noted that the EU might criticize this point, although there had been no formal discussion of that yet among member states. The contacts added that although U.S. officials had stressed that accomplishing the primary goal involved more than just military tasks, some in the EU were concerned that "putting EU instruments in service of this goal changed those instruments". They pointed to the EU police mission in

Afghanistan (EUPOL) and its focus on classical policing,
rather than counterinsurgency tactics, as one example of a
difference in approach between the United States and the EU.
MURRAY

.